

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An article to be worn about a wearer comprising:
a surface fastening system having a primary direction of load bearing, the surface fastening system including a first surface fastening element and a second surface fastening element, the first fastening element being joined to the article, the second fastening element being disposed so as to be generally in a face to face relationship with the first fastening element when the surface fastening system is in an engaged configuration to fasten at least a portion of the article, wherein an unjoined portion of the second fastening element is unjoined from an underlying structure of the article, the unjoined portion ~~the first surface fastening element further~~ including an effective unjoined dimension Y extending substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the article, the ~~effective unjoined~~ dimension Y increasing from a ~~distal~~ laterally outboard edge of the ~~first fastening element~~ unjoined portion to a ~~proximal~~ laterally inboard edge of the ~~first fastening element~~ unjoined portion.
- 2-7 (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, further comprising a chassis including an absorbent member.
9. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is selected from one of the group of an absorbent article, a diaper, a sanitary napkin, and a body wrap.
10. (Previously Presented) The article of Claim 1, wherein the article is adapted to form a pant-like article.

11-33 (Canceled)

34. (New) The article of claim 1, wherein the unjoined portion includes a longitudinally inboard edge of the second fastening element.

35. (New) The article of claim 1, wherein an overall shape of the unjoined portion is triangular.

36. (New) The article of claim 1, wherein the second fastening element is joined to a carrier web and at least a portion of the carrier web is unjoined from the underlying structure of the article.

37. (New) The article of claim 36, wherein at least a portion of the carrier web is extensible.

38. (New) The article of claim 36, wherein at least a portion of the carrier web is elastomeric.